

**BELMONT ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH CIO**  
**SECOND ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE CHARITY COMMISSION**  
**1<sup>st</sup> April 2021 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022**

Introduction

Belmont Road Baptist Church has existed as a charity for over 60 years as an Unincorporated Association of Members (UAM) that was not required to provide an Annual Report to the Charity Commission. In response to UK government legislation requiring small Church charities to register with the Charity Commission, the unincorporated church established a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) for itself in December 2019. The unincorporated association of members Church transferred all its assets, debts and liabilities across to the CIO on the 1<sup>st</sup> July 2020 and Belmont Road Baptist Church CIO became fully functional as of 1<sup>st</sup> July 2020.

This is the second Annual report by the CIO to the Charity Commission and the audited accounts cover a full 12 month period from 1<sup>st</sup> April to 31<sup>st</sup> March.

Aim and Purposes

The Church exists to show “Passion for Jesus and Compassion for others”. It does this by being open to all members of the local community joining the activities on the Church premises in Belmont Road, Hemel Hempstead, HP3 9NU. Our vision is to be a people and place in which and through which the Kingdom of God will grow. Our aim is, in partnership, to equip ourselves effectively to enrich the quality of our Christian life together and to build a stronger presence in our community.

Objectives and Activities

Following the end of Covid lockdowns the Church has returned to most of its usual activities with the addition of internet on the premises and the ability for those at home to continue to join the Sunday worship services by Zoom, although most members of the congregation now attend in person. Following the appointment of Reverend Tim Keightley as our Minister from 1st November 2021 we have agreed the following 9 objectives.

- 1: To embrace the challenge, provocation and inspiration of bible-based preaching that engages us with the contemporary age and equips us to be effective witnesses to and for Christ.
- 2: To see people in our neighbourhood come into a greater awareness of and relationship with the Lord Jesus.
- 3: To feel closer to our young people and their families and draw more of them into greater participation in our life together.
- 4: To be equipped to try new ways of sharing our faith.
- 5: To find ways of inviting community organisations using our premises to come further in to a life with the Lord.

6: To become better at loving each other in such a way that we become more comfortable with and understanding of our differing points of view and priorities.

7: To become a church that prays more for the world, for ourselves and for the Lord's guiding.

8: To use the land at the front of the building to communicate better who we are and what we offer. To develop a clearer vision and strategy for our community outreach.

9: To become, and to be seen to be, an eco-friendly church as a Christian witness to how we honour God's creation.

### Achievements and Performance

Our CIO has a membership of 37 people as of 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022 with 54 adults, 18 secondary school age young people and 45 children and toddlers in regular contact with the Church through its weekly activities.

Toddlers: Toddler Church re-opened in April 2021, with numbers limited to 25 families to adhere to social distancing guidelines. The number of children 'on the books' has increased from 14 at the start of the Autumn term to around 35 in the Spring term. Average attendance has settled around the mid 20's which is a comfortable number for the size of the hall. The atmosphere continues to be positive and especially warm and welcoming to new families, something that is remarked upon by those joining.

Children and Young People: Our Boys' Brigade and Girls' Association (BB&GA) is mostly back to normal with face to face meetings on Friday evenings with the following age groups. Anchors (for those aged 4 to 8), Juniors (for those aged 8 to 11) and Seniors/14 plus (secondary school age). At the end of the 2022 spring term, we had 16 Anchors, 15 Juniors and 16 Seniors/14 plus on the books.

Since January 2022 the Sunday Club once again comes into the first part of the Church service with a typical attendance of 8 children and young people. We continue to use the Scripture Union material as a basis for our lessons. This year in the Old Testament we have looked at the lives of Moses, Joshua and David and in the New Testament healings and people Jesus met in Luke's Gospel as well as the Christmas and Easter stories.

Senior Citizens: Our Lunch Club for Senior Citizens has been able to reopen fully, albeit with reduced numbers. As we continue with our outreach to the senior citizens of Dacorum, we sadly see our membership declining due to various health and personal reasons. On a brighter note, two new members have joined us.

House Groups: The two house groups continue to meet with one group meeting in person on Wednesdays and the other continuing to meet on Thursdays on zoom. Each group has around 8 members.

Progress on our objectives is as follows.

1. On regular Sundays we have explored some of the basic Christian beliefs in the light of modern understandings of the bible, creation and human nature. We celebrated a baptism.
2. We hosted a community fundraiser for Ukraine and plan to play a major role in the Jubilee Street Party.
3. We held all age worship services throughout the year. The regularity of this and our varied programme has certainly helped strengthen relationships with a wider set of people than we usually see on a Sunday. This is enabled and enhanced by the fabulous work we do with children, young people and parents' week-in, week-out and at the annual youth camp we run with Carey Baptist Church which was attended in Wales by over 90 people.
4. We have made a start on making a promotional video.
5. The Church makes its hall, kitchen, and side rooms available for local groups to hire when the premises are not in use by the Church. We are delighted that the Pilates group on Wednesdays and the Patchwork group on some Tuesdays and Saturdays have both restarted and are using the hall again.
6. Our awayday and a church night have given us opportunities to listen to others and to learn more about people we thought we knew.
7. We have held a series of prayer evenings. Some have encouraged people to try a variety of ways of praying. Others have enabled people to share openly their insights and needs. We have been very blessed by the intercessory prayers led for us each Sunday.
8. Flowerpots on the front fence in spring, summer and autumn have brightened up the premises along with Christmas illuminations over the festive period with the "lights switch on" coordinated with the residents of Belmont Road via their WhatsApp group, which was set up during the first Covid lockdown and of which the Church is an active member.
9. We recycle what we can and am looking to engage with the eco church initiative jointly with Carey.

Premises: We have installed a new boiler and addressed a number of other routine maintenance issues.

Ecumenical relationships: The Church is a member of Churches Together in Hemel Hempstead and of the Evangelical Alliance.

### Financial Review

Total receipts were £60,643.86 with expenditure of £45,287.22 as detailed in the audited accounts. Donations were made as follows: £945.75 to the Baptist Missionary Society (Chad Appeal); £470 to the local Hospice of Saint Francis; £470 to the Dacorum Emergency Night Shelter (DENS).

The balances carried forward are as follows.

Unrestricted funds – £25,058.96.

Designated funds for Ministry - £2,812.41. These funds can be used to pay the costs associated with our minister, who has his own house.

Restricted property fund - £136,736.66. This fund can be used towards purchasing a house that can be used as manse accommodation for a new minister.

Restricted legacy fund - £810.29.

### Volunteers

We would like to thank all our volunteers who work so hard to make our Church the lively and vibrant community it is.

### Structure Governance and Management

The method of appointment for Trustees is set out in our Constitution. Each of the Trustees has been appointed by a vote of the membership at our Annual General Meeting. All those who attend our services are encouraged to become members of the Church. The Trustees are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the Church whilst referring various matters to the periodic Church meetings including any non-emergency large items of unbudgeted expenditure.

The Trustees met on Zoom twelve times during the twelve month period of this Report, with an average level of attendance above 80%. Two Church members' meetings were held on Zoom and four in person during the twelve month period of this Report. One of these was a Special Church Meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> September 2021 which agreed to the appointment of Reverend Tim Keightley as Minister.

### Administrative Information

The Church is situated in Belmont Road, Hemel Hempstead, HP3 9NU, which is the correspondence address. The following members have served as elected Trustees through the reporting period: Gillian Kaye, Michele Gill, Andrew Barton, John Porteous, Eric Moore, Eirwen Marshall, Hazel Barton, Jennifer Balding, Janet Robinson (from February 2022) and Reverend Timothy Keightley (as Minister from 1<sup>st</sup> November 2021).

Approved by the Trustees on 14/11/22 and signed on their behalf by Reverend Tim Keightley (Chairman).

*T.D. Keightley*

### **Independent examiner's statement**

I have examined the accounts and relevant documents presented to me by the Trustees of Belmont Road Baptist Church (CIO), Hemel Hempstead, together with clarifying explanations and, in my view, the accounts present a true and fair view of the financial affairs of the said Church for the period 1 April 2021 to 31 March 2022.

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

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(b) or to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed: ..... Margaret Lye ..... 30.6.22

M Lye  
Trustee, Carey Baptist Church – Hemel Hempstead

## BELMONT ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH ACCOUNTS RECEIPTS

April 1st 2021 to March 31st 2022

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Designated	Total	
<b><u>Brought Forward</u></b>					
General Fund	6729.65				
Other Causes					
Evangelism		1537.38			
Property		1000.00			
Church Refurb			181.55		
Legacy Den Pierce		660.95			
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>6729.65</b>	<b>3198.33</b>	<b>181.55</b>	<b>10109.53</b>	<b>10109.53</b>
<b><u>Receipts</u></b>					
Offerings	30527.70				
Amazon Smile	29.00				
Gift Aid Tax Receipt	11211.61				
Hall Lettings	3223.00				
CBA Grant	3062.49				
Gen. Donations	2174.00				
Utilities Refund	0.00				
Legacy Den Pierce		0.00			
Other Causes		1509.91			
Evangelism		0.00			
Property		7000.00			
Church Refurb					
June Gift Day			1725.00		
Misc Receipts	181.15				
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>50408.95</b>	<b>8509.91</b>	<b>1725.00</b>	<b>60643.86</b>	<b>60643.86</b>
Income for year	50408.95	8509.91	1725.00	60643.86	
Expenses for year	40454.55	2926.12	1906.55	45287.22	
Surplus/Deficit	9954.40	5583.79	-181.55	15356.64	
B/Forward	6729.65	3198.33	181.55	10109.53	
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>16684.05</b>	<b>8782.12</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>25466.17</b>	
<b>ADJUSTMENT</b>					
Carried Forward	16684.05	8782.12		25466.17	

## BALANCE SHEET AT END OF PERIOD

### ASSETS

	2021	2022	
<b>Funds</b>			
£10,109.53 Metro Bank		£25,466.17	
£28,598.22 BU Deposit Account		£28,681.66	
£134,351.93 BU 1Year Fixed		£0.00	
£0.00 BU 3 Month Notice		£136,736.66	
<b>£173,059.68 TOTAL</b>		<b>£190,884.49</b>	
<b>Property</b>			
Church Premises		<b>£400,000.00</b>	Insurance value £794,641.00
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>£590,884.49</b>

### LIABILITIES

Pension deficit @ 21/3/2022 **£19,200.00**

**TOTAL**

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Margaret Hye  
30.6.22

## **BELMONT ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH ACCOUNTS EXPENSES**

**April 1st 2021 to March 31st 2022**

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<b><u>Payments</u></b>				
Ministry	20562.32			
Other Ministry	39.99			
Manse Rent	0.00			
Manse Expenses	0.00			
Manse Maintenance	5205.69			
Missions	3000.00			
Repairs & Maintenance	3370.59			
Gas	256.00			
Electricity	1413.34			
Water	256.60			
House Keeping	3328.64			
Insurance	1108.28			
Flowers	80.92			
Stationery/Printing	25.91			
Bank Charges	0.00			
Subs,Fees,Donations.	1388.43			
Legacy Den Pierce		276.21		
Other Causes		1509.91		
Evangelism		140.00		
Property to BU		1000.00		
Church Refurb			181.55	
Gift Day			1725.00	
Misc.	417.84			
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>40454.55</b>	<b>2926.12</b>	<b>1906.55</b>	<b>45287.22</b>

### **Carried Forward**

General Fund	16684.05			
Legacy Den Pierce		384.74		
Property		7000.00		
Evangelism		1397.38		
Church Refurb			0.00	
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>16684.05</b>	<b>8782.12</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>25466.17</b>

*Allye 30.6.22*

## **BELMONT ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH ACCOUNTS SUPPLEMENTARY**

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<b>B/Forward</b>			
Harvest (BU Chad)	758.75	945.75	187.00
Christmas Day	751.16		188.84
Hospice St Francis (Christmas Day)		470.00	
DENS		470.00	
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>1509.91</b>	<b>1885.75</b>	<b>375.84</b>

<b><u>MINISTRY ACCOUNT.</u></b>	
Tax & NI	857.64
Salary	11056.02
Pension	6037.72
Expenses	1431.24
Guest Preachers	1179.70
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>20562.32</b>

<b><u>HOUSE KEEPING</u></b>	
Cleaning	2868.88
Refuse Coll.	459.76
House Hold	0
Catering.	0.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3,328.64</b>

<b><u>MANSE EXPENSES</u></b>	
C/Tax	0.00
W/Rates	0.00
B/Maintenance	0.00
Telephone	0.00
Repairs/Maint.	5,205.69
Gas/Electric	0.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5,205.69</b>

<b><u>MISSION</u></b>	
BMS	1500.00
CBA	1500.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3000.00</b>

### **B.U. DEPOSIT ACCOUNTS**

<b>7 DAY NOTICE A/C</b>	<b>Gen Fund (U)</b>	<b>Ministry (D)</b>	<b>Property (R)</b>	<b>Legacy (R)</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>B/Forward</b>	<b>10,149.13</b>	<b>17,641.15</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>807.94</b>	<b>28,598.22</b>
Interest June	18.31	31.82	0.00	1.46	51.59
Interest December	18.69	12.27	0.00	0.89	31.85
Deposited	14,872.83		136,695.46		750.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>25,058.96</b>	<b>17,685.24</b>	<b>136,695.46</b>	<b>810.29</b>	<b>29,431.66</b>
Withdrawn		14,872.83	136,695.46		
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<b>1 YEAR FIXED A/C</b>	<b>Property (R)</b>
B/Forward	134,351.93
Interest	1,343.53
<b>TOTAL TRANSFERRED TO 7 DAY NOTICE A/C</b>	<b>135,695.46</b>
<b>BALANCE</b>	<b>NIL</b>

<b>3 MONTH NOTICE A/C</b>	<b>Property (R)</b>
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